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ON PETITION

In re Application of : Kiyohiro Saito et al : Application No. 09/101,945 :

Filed: July 17, 1998 : Attorney Docket No. KINOSHITA C-197 :

This is a decision on the petition, filed February 11, 2000, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.313(b)(5).

The petition is granted.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue to permit abandonment for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a continued prosecution application filed of even date.

The application is withdrawn from issue.

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on December 16, 1999 in the parent application is not refundable nor can it be applied towards any new Notice of Allowance which may issue on the CPA filed February 11, 2000.

The application will be forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for processing the $\ensuremath{\text{CPA}}$.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8859.

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